

Great Expectations

Newsletter of New Hope Lutheran Church Columbia, MD

August 2016

FROM THE PASTOR

In a recent article by Philip Kennicott in the Washington Post entitled 'Let Principles Guide Us Out' the graphic for the article was a maze with the title embedded in it. Kennicott asked, how do we navigate the maze of our broken world (recalling the violence and murder of the last month)? He states the answers are the same as they ever were – by recommitting to basic principles, like empathy and real human conversation and not angry rhetoric which polarizes us into 'camps'. Anger is an effective way to bring people together, but used for its own sake is always destructive. He goes on to remind us that democracy is messy, contentious and incremental, so that all of this takes time...and takes action. His context is as a citizen of the United States.

His words were simple and called us to repent, in essence, to turn around, to begin again in a new direction committed to basic principles that acknowledge the dignity of other human beings. Throughout the article I heard the call to repentance for us as the church. I heard echoes of prophets from centuries past who lamented over the unfaithfulness of God's people, how they (we) lost their (our) way adopting the principles of the popular cultures of the day; principles such as do what you can to get power, ignore the poor and the oppressed except if they can be used to further benefit you, seek your own pleasure at the expense of the other, just to name a few.

In contrast, God's rule includes elevating the welfare of our neighbors (not just those who look, talk, believe or act like us) and that we actually seek out, care for and value our neighbors by understanding who they are. Empathy and honest, careful conversation with our neighbor take time and commitment and is not merely the politically correct thing to do. Rather, it is what God calls us to do – to love God and neighbor as self. God's rule is also messy, contentious – love can be like that – just look at the cross. Unlike democracy, however, God's rule is grounded in hope, hope that is sustained because its Source is the One whose love extends to all.

Pastor Ginny Price

Let's play some SOFTBALL!



New Hope Lutheran Church is partnering with the police for the 1st Annual Howard County Police & Neighborhood Softball Game. SAVE THE DATE Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 4-6 pm at Centennial Park in fields 1 & 2. This will be a wonderful community & family event. We are hoping to form teams made up of members of the Howard County Police Department, members of New Hope Lutheran Church and local community members, and our community Partners. If you are interested in participating, either by playing softball, volunteering, have a community contact that is willing to serve or provide services to make this event a success, or other- please send me an email. What a great way to show our "Commitment to Excellence" and community engagement. It's going be tons of fun and a HUGE deal!

Growing



GIFT!

TELL YOUR STORY

Last year the theme of Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) was Spiritual Practices. In May we highlighted *Telling The Story*. We talked about how to be a welcoming congregation. Near the end of the session we broke up into groups and discussed what “the story” is and how we would talk about it to others – especially those who may not know about Christianity, let alone Lutheranism.

As people offered their thoughts on what they would say to others, one person brought up the point that she also thinks it’s important to tell others what Christianity is **not**.

I’ve been thinking a lot about that lately – especially after the Pulse Nightclub shooting in Orlando, FL. After that carnage we once again heard from some “Christians” that a group of people were being punished by God and somehow they deserved it. I couldn’t believe it. Christianity was being twisted yet again. It was time for us to tell others once more that Christianity is not about hatred and anger, that God doesn’t send a gunman to kill the LGBT community.

There have been many shootings and deaths and terror in the world since then. There has been hate speech and name-calling. Negativity seems to abound just about everywhere.

Yet we are continually called to tell others what Christ has taught us: to love our neighbors (everyone!), to work for justice and to share God’s grace and mercy. Sometimes that means voicing what our faith means to us and how we live that out each day. Sometimes it means speaking up and saying what our faith **isn’t** about.

I am so grateful that I am a part of this community where we can worship and pray together, share our thoughts and fears, and build up the body of Christ so that we can go out into this world to tell – and live- the story. It has always been important to do that, but now it seems even more so.

-- Cindy Ranker, DM, Family Ministry Coordinator



From August 8- 13, 2016, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) will hold its fourteenth Churchwide Assembly in New Orleans, LA. I have been elected to attend as a voting member. This is my second Churchwide Assembly. I attended the last assembly held in Pittsburgh, Pa in 2013 as a volunteer. This will be the first Churchwide Assembly I attend as a voting member.

Like synod assemblies, this is a gathering of voting members. It is held every three years. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we will gather, discuss and make decisions about how we are to be church in the world. We will elect officers and leaders, hear reports, vote on a budget, vote on various proposals, and worship together. In addition, this year we’ll observe the 500th anniversary of the Reformation (the actual 500th anniversary is next year, but there won’t be another Churchwide Assembly until 2019).

One of the proposals we will be voting on is unifying the three service rosters into one. Currently there are four rosters in the ELCA: Clergy, Deaconesses, Associates in Ministry and Diaconal Ministers. If the proposal is approved there will be two rosters: Word and Sacrament (Clergy) and Word and Service. In addition, it is recommended that persons on the Word and Service roster will have the title of Deacon.

I humbly ask that you pray for all who are involved in planning, preparing and participating in this assembly - pray for safe travel for all involved, and pray for the voting members so that our discussions and decisions are guided by the Holy Spirit. I will be posting updates on our New Hope Facebook page and look forward to reporting back to the congregation upon my return.

If you would like to learn more about the Churchwide Assembly, go to (www.elca.org/ChurchwideAssembly).

-- Cindy Ranker, Diaconal Minister

RACIAL HEALING TEAM

The Racial Healing Team, a new ministry team at New Hope is continuing to explore what it means to be a racial healing group. Our plan is to work on a 2-pronged approach – an internal and external means to healing. The internal focuses on the group itself and individual members of it. We commit to deepening a trust relationship with each other, trying to be honest and open with our feelings and thoughts regarding racial issues and committing to speaking the truth in love. We also promise to learn more about issues of race, either through reading of articles and books or through discussions as a group.

The external approach involves doing something together to make a difference in our world for good that will promote racial healing. An example might be supporting the work of the 1st Annual Comm-UNITY Softball Game on September 24 among the police and the community.

Want to join us? Speak to Pastor Ginny for more information about this vital work.

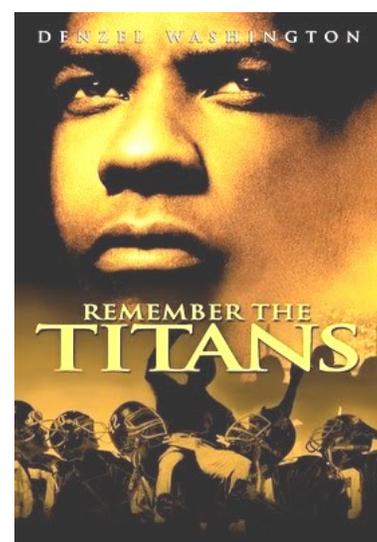
Free Outdoor Movie Night! Remember the Titans

Free Popcorn & Drinks!

Bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on

(In case of rain, movie will be shown in the Fellowship Hall)

Bring your friends & neighbors to this family friendly event



September 9 - 11

God's Work. Our Hands Service weekend projects are still in the planning stage but we do know we need the following supplies for some of the projects. All donations can be placed in the bins in the coat closet marked for GWOH Supplies.

Items needed: backpacks, pens (black, blue or red), #2 pencils (including fat pencils for kindergarten), pink erasers, small pencil sharpeners, glue sticks, ruler, student scissors, box of crayons, pencil pouch, composition books, colored pencils, markers, 2 pocket folders, highlighters, pencil top erasers, index cards, post it notes, 70-sheet spiral notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 1/2"; 30-centimeter rulers, rulers with centimeters on one side and inches on the other, hand held pencil sharpener, blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well), unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); box of 16 or 24 crayons, 2 1/2" erasers, quart mason jars and lids, bags of dry beans of any color.

If you are a Thrivent member and are willing to lead a Thrivent Action Team to help fund some of our GWOH projects, please contact Kathy Piet by August 15. Kathy will walk you through everything you need to do to lead a team.

WHERE I AM - CHARLIE FREKOT

I am currently going into my junior year at Susquehanna University, in central Pennsylvania, and I am a Religious Studies Major. There I am President of the Lutheran student group on campus, the Deacon of Spiritual Nurture, where I lead retreats, bible studies, etc., and I help lead the Pre-ministry group. During the summer, I am a camp counselor at Mar-Lu-Ridge Summer camp, and this summer is my third summer as a counselor. With being involved in all of this, I am also discerning a call to ministry. It is something that I've had in the back of my mind for a few years but really started to take it serious about a year ago. This will be my third sermon given in front of a church, once at school and the other here, at New Hope. The opportunities I have had to grow in my faith and leadership have truly been blessings.

-- Charlie Frekot

BACKPACK



AND BRIEFCASES

Sunday, August 28th at both services

BLESSINGS

GLOBAL WORSHIP

4th Sunday of each month

Fantastic! Up Lifting! - just a few comments from participants.



Meet the latest edition of worship at New Hope coordinated and directed by Colleen Vernon.

Musicians: Perry Anderson, Tom Berkheimer, Ken Cain, Chris Fleming, Doug Hanewinckel, Carol Henderson, Art Patterson, Anne Quarrier, and Pastor Ginny

As we worship, pray and sing we are reminded that we are part of a larger community of Christ. We do not worship alone; we join with many voices to praise our God. When we sing this music created by Christians from all over the world we emphasize that relationship.

There are churches in other parts of the world who are singing what we might call "our songs" and we are here singing "their songs". As we sing these songs they join together to become a part of our repertoire making "our" collection so much more. "Our" becomes global; a whole new meaning.

Here in our Kings Contrivance neighborhood are many who are from other countries, who may speak English or not. New Hope is creating a global place, an "our" space, where all are welcome, singing God's songs in many different languages.

Colleen has done a wonderful job of teaching us new languages and music from Appalachia to Zimbabwe, and instructing the musicians to play in many styles.

-- Sharon Punte, Music Director

August High School Youth Event Dates!



August 3rd: Cascade Lake Trip! 10am - 4pm



- Bring \$5
- There will be a picnic lunch.
- Bring a swimming suit, towel, and extra spending money if you'd like to rent a paddleboat.
- Bring a friend or two!
- Contact Kaitlyn if you'd like to go (Kaitlyn@NewHopeLutheran.org) so that she can email you a **permission slip** to bring with you!
- www.CascadeLake.com

August 4th: Trip to Bakery Express 10:30am - 1pm

- MMMM... Smell the sweets!
- Lunch is provided.
- Bring a friend or two!
- Contact Kaitlyn if you'd like to go (Kaitlyn@NewHopeLutheran.org) so that she can email you a **permission slip** to bring with you!
- BakeryExpressmsDesserts.com



August 14th: Game night at the Church! 6pm-8pm

- Bring \$2 for pizza
- Bring a friend or two!
- Games, food and fellowship!
What more could you ask for?

August 21st: End of Summer Pool Party at the Smiths! 12pm-4pm

- Following church, head over to the Smiths for some pool party action!
- Bring a swimsuit, towel, goggles and of course a friend.
- Bring a food dish to share.



August 28th: Game night at the church! 6pm-8pm

- Bring \$2 for pizza
- Bring a friend or two!
- Games, food, fellowship,
and forgetting that school starts on Monday!

High School Youth Director - Kaitlyn Goodson
Kaitlyn@NewHopeLutheran.org
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OCTOBER 31, 2017

Do you know why that is a significant date? It is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. It was on October 31, 1517 when Luther nailed the 95 theses to the door of the church at Wittenberg. Although he only wanted to start a discussion, he actually started the Reformation (others had sought to reform the church before Luther, but Luther is widely credited with starting the Reformation).

Remembering that we are church and as such, always reforming, how shall New Hope observe this anniversary? Do you have ideas? Would you like to be a part of the planning and preparation? Cindy Ranker is forming a team to look into how we should observe this anniversary. If you'd like to be a part of that, please contact her (Cindy@NewHopeLutheran.org).



***THE ADVENTURES OF FLAT JESUS...
JESUS GOES WITH US EVERYWHERE!***

Don't forget to take pictures of Flat Jesus as he accompanies you on your many adventures this summer! Like our Facebook page: NHLC-Flat Jesus, and then post the pictures. Or, you can send the pictures to Sharon (Info@NewHopeLutheran.org) or Cindy (Cindy@NewHopeLutheran.org) and they'll post them for you!



STEPHEN MINISTRY



Stephen Ministry is based on the idea that we are called to pass on God's love for people.

Here are some of the situations in which we can minister to others in our congregation and our community:

- People who are struggling in a relationship with friends, co-workers, or family members
- People who are hospitalized
- People who are lonely
- People facing a change in their lives
- Families who have someone in a nursing home
- Parents whose children have special needs
- People in sudden crisis
- People convalescing at home or in an institution
- People who are bereaved
- People who are shut-in or in a nursing home
- Couples adding a child to their family by birth or adoption
- People who are terminally ill and their families
- Single parents
- People who have suffered financial setbacks, or those who have lost their jobs
- People who have recently retired (voluntarily or not)
- People who are struggling with their faith in God

If you would like more information on how you can be trained to serve as a Stephen Minister, please contact the church. Training begins in October, and applications are due by September 11.

If you feel you may like to have a Stephen Minister, please contact the church office, or speak to one of our Stephen Leaders – Sue Biermann and Sue Pumplin. All Stephen Ministry care giving is kept strictly confidential!

SUMMER PLANS WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday morning Bible study group meets all year round at 10:00am. Everyone is invited to attend, even if you can't be there regularly. This summer the group will be reading and discussing selections from contemporary literature in the collection *Listening for God*, volume 1, ed. by Paula J. Carlson.

Here's the schedule (we're reading chapters out of order to accommodate the facilitator's plans)

This book is available from Amazon.com for 1¢ (plus \$3.99 shipping), if you'd like to get a used copy.

Dates	Facilitator	Chapter
7/27, 8/3	Sue Pumplin	Chapter 8: Richard Rodriguez
8/10, 8/17	Jim Rossi	Chapter 1: Flannery O'Connor
8/24, 8/31	Sangeetha Struck	Chapter 7: Garrison Keillor
9/7, 9/14	Linda Yergey	Chapter 3: Patricia Hampl



Over the last several weeks, the Church Council has been dealing with several matters related to the church building, budget, and staff.

The Building Expansion and Renewal Team (BERT) has met several times over the last year. The current focus is on expanding the narthex by enclosing the portico and moving a few interior walls, and then expanding the sanctuary by pushing the “chancel” wall out about twenty feet. IF we do this, seating capacity in the sanctuary will go from 150 up to about 200. The archi-

tects’ drawings and other information will be made available on the church’s web site. The planning process continues, although no decision to begin fund-raising or construction will be made until after a congregational meeting.

Many of you are aware that the Ladies’ Restroom is not quite ADA-compliant. We are looking at options that include remodeling that restroom, and/or creating a Family Restroom that would be accessible. We will be asking the architects already involved in BERT to advise us.

We have adopted a budget process that will allow members to be more informed about the proposed budget sooner in the year. A prospective budget is nearing completion, and this will be shared with the congregation within the next several weeks.

After many years as a member of our Finance Team, Mrs. Carol Farrar has tendered her resignation as New Hope’s Financial Administrator. We hope to announce her successor by the time this newsletter is printed. We thank Carol for her faithful service!

-- Charles Nicholas, Church Council President

CONFIRMATION BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER!



Confirmation is a significant milestone in the faith life of our youth. It is a time when they are able to explore their faith through study, discussion and service. The Confirmation program at New Hope is a two-year cycle of instruction and inquiry, usually for those in 7th & 8th grades. This year we will be using a new curriculum called Colaborate by Sparkhouse. Confirmation classes are scheduled for Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:15pm from September through May.

If you have questions about our Confirmation program, or know of someone who would like to participate, please contact our Diaconal Minister, Cindy Ranker (Cindy@NewHopeLutheran.org).

-- Cindy Ranker, DM, Family Ministry Coordinator

Women’s Discussion Group

Ladies!
Join us on the
1st Saturday of the month at 9:30am.



BIRTHDAYS

1	16
Jesse Burns	Katherine Lentz
Kara Jordan	Joseph Prettyman
Sasha Riddler	17
Joanie Schmidt	Sue Moyer
2	Trevor Rose
Sondra Ailinger	18
David Furst	Evi Struble
Cindy Ranker	Kiah Thomas
3	Juanita Walker
Maggie Alt	19
Erna Bunn	Juliet Collins
Rona Green	Dan Southworth
Skylar King	21
Ken Schaedel	Caleb Collins
5	Dorothy David
Julia Petre	Carol Henderson
7	22
Gloria DeCesare	Lin Guba
Fred Kurrle	23
Lynda Osterman	Bradley Hoffman
8	John Madden
Stefanie Alt	24
9	Keith Berning
Patty Cutchis	25
Gregg Kamosa	Thomas Gruneberg
Patricia Wheeler	Julie Patchan
10	Hedy Schaedel
Ken Cain	26
Eric Scholz	Melissa Mack
11	28
Ross Kelley	Pat Hedy
Joshua Peart	Dennis Howser-Doty
12	Erik Mechtel
Colin Willard	29
14	Kyle Harrington
George Shanks	31
Julie Smith	Xin Wang
15	
Carolyn Stacy	

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2
Karl & Barbara Heikkinen (74)
John & Jhonna Seifert (08)
5
Suzonne & Evan Sage (72)
Todd & Sarah Adams (06)
6
Larry & Sanna Foster (65)
7
Jason & Vicki Burns (82)
David & Kerry Ose (93)
16
Kim & Lena Kroll (80)
Greg & April Orlofsky (03)
17
Craig & Carolyn Bublitz (85)
Austin & Kim Thomas (07)
18
Kenneth & Pamela Kropf (84)
21
Andrew & Bekki Zaffke (10)
22
Perry & Cyndy Anderson (98)
Herman & Sylwia Delang (08)
25
Todd & Diane Palmer (84)
26
Dave & Sue Pumpkin (67)
28
Bob & Peggy Johnson (82)

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

1	8	20	<i>Additional Baptisms</i>
Jeffrey Harsch	Michael Furst	Martha Rowe	Alexa Andersen-Proetorius
5	14	22	Patricia Daughtery
Amanda Ogorzalek	Madeline Burcham	Melissa Guba	Dana Douglas
Marla Stahl	15	Lucas Ranker	Mary Meyer-Rizzo
7	Maggie Walker	James Waters	Evelyn Ose
Dennis Howser-Doty	17	25	Melinda Petre
Evie Howser-Doty	Clara Scholz	Lani Boschulte	Sasha Riddler
Julie Howser-Doty	18	28	Xin Wang
	Julia Moore	Betsy Alt	Josie Zayac



4th Tuesdays @ 7p
in the Conference Room

SEEKING VISUAL TECH FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS

The Tech Team is looking for someone who can help out on Sunday mornings. Each week we would like to have announcements that are projected on the wall before and after each service. The presentation is already prepared, we just need someone on Sunday mornings who can start the slide show about 15 minutes before the services and turn it off when worship begins. Hopefully we will have more than one volunteer so you can take turns covering it. Can you help us out? If so, talk to Cindy Ranker or email her (Cindy@NewHopeLutheran.org).

GOOD NEWS FROM LIVING IN RECOVERY

In May of 2015 New Hope received \$37,000 that we had given to the Delaware-Maryland Synod for an Adolescent Recovery program at Mar Lu Ridge that never really progressed and was not going to. In June of 2015 New Hope gave \$15,000 of that money to a local organization, Living In Recovery, for their capital campaign to purchase a house. This house will provide drug free housing for up to 8 people coming out of rehab. Here is an update on Living in Recovery's Capital Campaign. As you will see, New Hope has played a significant role in providing housing for some of our neighbors. If you would like more information about Living In Recovery, please talk to Kathy Piet (410-992-0645 / kampers1@verizon.net).

Living In Recovery

Capital Campaign Progress Report

June 2016

Amount raised: \$130,000

Principal Donors: New Hope Lutheran Church, Howard County Housing, Numerous private donors

The New Hope donation was particularly important because it was the only private donation secured at the time of application for a grant from Howard County Housing, and it was beneficial to show significant funds from other sources for purposes of this application.

Timeline:

- July 1, 2016: Funds available
- August 1: Identify suitable properties and begin inspections
- September 15: Select best options, begin negotiations, apply for mortgage
- October 15: Sign contract, begin renovations
- November 1: Solicit furniture donations
- November 15: Select five existing and three new residents, complete renovations (sprinkler, baths, parking)
- December 1, 2016: Occupancy

Go to www.NewHopeLutheran.org to view the most current calendar.

August 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 7p Single Again 7:30p Global Music Rehearsal	2 7:30p Joyful Noise	3 10a NH Bible St. & Lunch 6p Lutheran Scouters 7p Tr 373	4 5:45p Venture Crew 7p MOHR	5	6 9:30a Women's Discussion Group 4p Global Peace Luth Fellowship 6:30p AA
7 8:30 & 10 Worship 10a Adult Sunday School 6p HS Youth Group	8 7p Single Again 7p Witness Team 7:30p Global Music Rehearsal	9 12p Staff Meeting 7p Craft Night 7:30p Joyful Noise	10 9:30a MOMs Club 10a NH Bible St. 11a Finance Team 7p Tr 373 7p Pack Comm	11 5:45p Venture Crew 7p MOHR	12 10a LWR Photo Shoot	13 9:30a Grieving Together 6:30p AA
14 8:30 & 10 Worship 9:15a Sarah' House 10a Adult Sunday School 6p HS Youth Group 7p Tr 373 PLC	15 5:30p Stephen Min. 7p Single Again 7:30p Global Music Rehearsal	16 12p Staff Meeting 7p Council 7:30p Joyful Noise	17 10a NH Bible St. 7p Tr 373	18 5:45p Venture Crew 7p MOHR	19	20 6:30p AA
21 8:30 & 10 Worship 10a Adult Sunday School 6p HS Youth	22 7p Single Again 7:30p Crew Comm. 7:30p Global Music Rehearsal	23 10a Staff Meeting 12:30p Racial Justice 7p Craft Night 7p Prayer Ministry 7:30p Joyful Noise	24 10a NH Bible St. 7p Tr 373	25 5:45p Venture Crew 6:30p Handbell Reh 7p MOHR 7:30p Choir Reh	26 8p Movie Night	27 9:30a Rt 1Breakfast 6:30p AA 7p Scout Ice Cream Social
28 8:30 & 10 Global Worship 10a Adult Sunday School 6p HS Youth	29 7p Single Again	30 10a Staff Meeting 7:30p Joyful Noise				

THE INSTALLATION OF THE REV. WILLIAM J. GOHL AS BISHOP OF THE DELAWARE-MARYLAND SYNOD

FYI

Sunday, October 9 at 4:00pm

Evangelical Lutheran Church (35 E Church Street, Frederick, MD 21701)

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton presiding.

Please keep an eye on the E-Letter for more information and a **formal invitation**.

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opposite Kings Contrivance Village Center
at the corner of
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Sunday Worship:

8:30 & 10:00 & 11:30 am

Holy Communion Served at all services

Pastor: The Rev. Ginny Price

Diaconal Minister: Cindy Ranker

Associates in Ministry

Music: Sue Pumpkin & Sharon Punte

HS Youth Director: Kaitlyn Goodson

Parish Administrator: Sharon Punte

Great Expectations Newsletter Editors:
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